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SUBJECT: ANGOLA

1. POLCOUNS MET JANUARY 12 WITH ACTING DIRECTOR MFA
AFRICAN DEPARTMENT AHMAD FAWZY TO COMPARE NOTES AND PROVIDE
DEPT'S LATEST ASSESSMENT OF MILITARY SITUATION IN ANGOLA.
FAWZY WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE AND PROVIDED FOLLOWING
COMMENTS ON MFA'S UNDERSTANDING OF STATE OF PLAY IN ADDIS
AND OUTLOOK.

2. FAWZY SAID OAU IS SPLIT RIGHT DOWN IN THE MIDDLE 22 TO 22
WITH TWO NEUTRALS (UNNAMED). EGYPT IS ONE OF 22 STATES SPONSORING
MODERATE RESOLUTION WHICH PROVIDES FOR RECONCILIATION AND
CONDEMNS ONLY SOUTH AFRICA BY NAME. FAWZY DOES NOT, HOWEVER,
GIVE RESOLUTION ANY CHANCE OF ADOPTION IN VIEW OF HARD LINE
BEING TAKEN BY 22 STATES WHO HAVE RECONGNIZED MPLA. HE WAS
NOT AWARE OF ANY RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY RADICAL 22, BUT,
SINCE MOST MODERATES ARE EQUALLY ADAMANT IN NOT RECOGNIZING
MPLA, HE THOUGH ONLY POSSIBLE OUTCOME WAS COMPROMISE
RESOLUTION WHICH MIGHT BE HAMMERED OUT JANUARY 12.

3. FAWZY WAS DISTINCTLY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT LIKELIHOOD
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OF COMPROMISE AND FUTURE OF OAU. IF OAU DOES NOT ACT,

HE THOUGH IT MOST UNLIKELY THAT AFRICANS WOULD TAKE ANGOLAN ISSUE TO UN SINCE IT WOULD BE ADMISSION OF DEFEAT. THEREFORE, MOST LIKELY RESULT WOULD BE CONTINUATION OF THE FIGHTING AND EVEN MORE ACTIVE INTERVENTION BY USSR AND CUBANS. HE FOUND SOVIETS PARTICULARLY DETERMINED ON THIS ISSUE AND USGGESTED IT MIGHT BE BECAUSE THEY NEED A FORIEGN POLICY SUCCESS.

4. WE WILL CONTINUE TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH MFA TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND IDEAS. EVEN THOUGH FAWZY IS ONE OF MFA'S LEADING AFRICAN EXPERTS, HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH INFO ON TRIBAL STRUCTURE OF ANGOLAN RIVALRIES (STATE 004271) AND EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS INFO SHOULD RECEIVE WIDEST POSSIBLE PUBLIC DISSEMINATION.
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